

Bruce Babbitt, enact government policy in return for a political contribution? When first pressed for the answer, Secretary Babbitt denied that any political pressure was applied to influence his decisionmaking. Now, however, after some "vision in the night," he sings a different tune and freely admits that the DNC chairman, Harold Ickes, demanded an immediate decision regarding an Indian casino application, and that a political contribution would be made to the DNC for this decision.

Well, what is it going to be, Mr. Secretary? Did you or did you not make government policy in exchange for a \$286,000 donation to the DNC? You cannot have it both ways.

These are just some of the serious questions to which the American people deserve answers. Notwithstanding any other mitigating factors, an independent counsel and investigation into this scandal is clearly justified.

On behalf of all Americans, I demand the truth.

FREE LORETTA SANCHEZ

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership this morning will bring up a resolution that allows the House to adjourn this weekend and not return until the end of January, and the purpose of that basically is to avoid addressing the issue of LORETTA SANCHEZ' election and the ongoing investigation.

This House should not adjourn until it ends this witch-hunt of Congresswoman LORETTA SANCHEZ' election. The Republican leadership has not been able to prove that there was any illegality involved in this election. Congresswoman SANCHEZ won her California election fair and square. The Republicans are simply wasting a lot of money, over \$500,000 in taxpayer dollars, to try to prove a case that they have not been able to prove.

It is all because Republicans are trying to harass and intimidate Hispanic voters because they voted in overwhelming numbers for Democratic candidates in the last congressional election. Let us free LORETTA SANCHEZ and put an end to this witch-hunt. It is not proper for this House to adjourn until this investigation is concluded and stopped.

NO DELAY FOR IRS REFORM

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, Americans are fond of saying that we live in the freest country in the world, and most of us believe it. That is why Congress should not delay one moment in reforming the IRS. I do not mean cosmetic changes that leave the IRS free to continue their bullying tactics, free from accountability and checks and

balances that are required by the U.S. Constitution; I mean changing the way the IRS does business. That means a change in attitude, a change in their ability to turn someone's life completely upside down before he has even had his day in court, and a total change in the IRS' ability to initiate politically motivated audits.

When the IRS has too much power, our freedom is threatened. If America is to remain the freest country on the Earth, the power of the IRS must be brought under control. Our freedom is at stake.

SAY "NO" TO FAST TRACK

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, the President and the Vice President are saying, if only they could get a secret vote on fast track it would pass by a 3-to-1 margin. It is only the power of big labor that is holding Democrats back.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Fast track is still in play only because of the extraordinary pressure from the President and the Vice President, the promises of projects, fundraisers and fantasies, the arm-twisting of the Republican leaders and the lobby of the dozens of corporate CEO's who jetted into town this week in their private jets with their pockets stuffed with cash. A vote on fast track is a referendum on a failed U.S. trade policy, a policy that exports our jobs, drives down wages and destroys the environment.

The President says it is about a bridge to the 21st century. I have seen that bridge from the colonias in Mexico at the American border, a bridge across sewage and toxic waste canals, from pallet shacks to state-of-the-art, U.S.-owned manufacturing plants where people are paid 80 cents an hour. That is a bridge the American worker should not be forced to cross. Say "no" to fast track.

KEEP CUTTING TAXES

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, President Clinton told voters that if they supported a tax cut, they were selfish. He really said that. Here it is, in black and white. The President really said this.

Unfortunately, this is a common view among liberals, so while this view may sound shocking, the only thing that is really surprising is that the President would actually come out and say out loud what liberals and many folks who believe like he believes actually think. It is their attitude that they are actually doing us a favor by letting us keep more of our own money.

I find the idea that people should be scolded for thinking that they are the best judge of how to spend their own money is the perfect example of the arrogance that is so characteristic of very many elitist liberals. But at least we now know what the President really thinks. Let us continue to cut taxes and let hard-working Americans keep more of what they earn.

A SCHOOL WITHOUT PRAYER IS A SCHOOL WITHOUT GOD

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, students in Alabama are skipping school protesting the fact that they are not allowed to pray. Think about it. Even though America has guns, rape, drugs, even heroin and murder in our schools, students are not allowed to pray. Unbelievable. A school without prayer is a school without God and a nation that denies prayer is a nation that denies God; and a nation that denies God is a nation that just may welcome the devil.

Members of Congress, the Constitution may separate church and State, but the Founders never intended to separate God and the American people.

I yield back any common sense and logic we have left.

BLURTING OUT THE TRUTH TELLS ALL

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, every once in a while a politician will commit a major blunder by doing something that is known as blurting out the truth. This occurs when the politician accidentally tells us how he really feels about an issue, and it can become very controversial if that is how people suspected all along that he really thinks. We had a wonderful example of that earlier this week.

President Clinton was campaigning in Alexandria, VA on behalf of a fellow Democrat and he told a crowd of Democrat supporters what he really thinks about those who want to keep more of what they earn. We heard that right. They are selfish. We heard that the President of the United States thinks that it is selfish to think that government takes too much of our money.

Yes, here is the vision of the liberal elite. It is morally wrong to think that people are a better judge of how to spend their own money than are the politicians. The liberal elite want to spend our money, and how dare us to think that we should be able to spend our money the way we wish.

Mr. President, thank you for blurting out the truth.

END BUSINESS AS USUAL ON
DAIRY PRICES

(Mr. OBEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, if we can cut through the partisan bloviating we have just heard for a few minutes, I would like to note something else.

I have voted against every farm bill that has been in front of this House for the last 10 years because those bills guaranteed that the dairy farmers from the upper Midwest would receive significantly lower prices than farmers in other regions of the country. This week a Federal court struck down those milk marketing orders as being arbitrary and capricious. That court is right. They ordered the USDA to no longer enforce those milk marketing orders.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to end business as usual on this issue. Congress and the USDA and major dairy organizations need to recognize that major changes must be made in the milk marketing order system. Until those changes are made, the responsible thing to do is to vote against any other farm legislation that comes to this floor.

SCHOOL CHOICE

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, Jonathan Rauch writes on school choice in the November 10 edition of the New Republic. He says he has always found it odd that liberals have handed the issue to Republicans rather than grabbing it for themselves.

He says, and I quote:

It is hard to get excited about improving rich suburban schools. However, for poor children trapped, the case is moral rather than merely educational. These kids attend schools which cannot protect them, much less teach them. To require poor people to go to dangerous, dysfunctional schools that better-off people fled and would never tolerate for their own children, all the while intoning pieties about "saving" public education, is worse than unsound public policy. It is repugnant public policy.

Mr. Rauch, we agree.

GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND
AND REVISE REMARKS IN CON-
GRESSIONAL RECORD UNTIL
LAST EDITION IS PUBLISHED

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members may have until publication of the last edition of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD authorized for the first session by the Joint Committee on Printing to revise and extend their remarks and to include brief, related extraneous material on any matter occurring before the adjournment of the first session sine die.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida? There was no objection.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I have a privileged motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. PALLONE moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 38, nays 308, not voting 87, as follows:

[Roll No. 606]

YEAS—38

Andrews	Fazio	Mink
Blumenauer	Filner	Pallone
Bonilla	Frank (MA)	Pelosi
Bonior	Gedjenson	Peterson (MN)
Boucher	Gephardt	Sabo
Clyburn	Hastings (FL)	Smith, Adam
Conyers	Jefferson	Thurman
Coyne	Johnson, E. B.	Torres
Delahunt	Kennelly	Towns
Deutsch	Lewis (GA)	Velazquez
Doggett	Markey	Wise
Etheridge	McDermott	Woolsey
Evans	McNulty	

NAYS—308

Abercrombie	Brown (OH)	Dickey
Aderholt	Bryant	Dicks
Allen	Bunning	Dooley
Archer	Burr	Doyle
Armey	Buyer	Dreier
Bachus	Callahan	Duncan
Baessler	Calvert	Dunn
Baker	Camp	Edwards
Baldacci	Campbell	Ehlers
Ballenger	Cannon	Emerson
Barcia	Cardin	English
Barr	Castle	Ensign
Barrett (NE)	Chabot	Eshoo
Barrett (WI)	Chambliss	Everett
Bartlett	Christensen	Ewing
Barton	Clay	Fattah
Bass	Clement	Fawell
Bateman	Coble	Ford
Bentsen	Coburn	Fossella
Bereuter	Collins	Fowler
Berman	Combest	Fox
Berry	Condit	Franks (NJ)
Bilbray	Cook	Frelinghuysen
Bilirakis	Costello	Frost
Bishop	Cramer	Furse
Blagojevich	Cummings	Galleghy
Bliley	Cunningham	Ganske
Blunt	Danner	Gekas
Boehlert	Davis (IL)	Gibbons
Boehner	Davis (VA)	Gilchrist
Borski	Deal	Gillmor
Boswell	DeFazio	Goode
Boyd	DeGette	Goodlatte
Brady	DeLay	Goodling
Brown (CA)	Diaz-Balart	Gordon

Goss	Maloney (NY)	Ryun
Green	Martinez	Salmon
Gutierrez	Mascara	Sanchez
Gutknecht	Matsui	Sandlin
Hall (TX)	McCarthy (MO)	Sanford
Hamilton	McCarthy (NY)	Sawyer
Hansen	McCollum	Saxton
Hastert	McGovern	Schaefer, Dan
Hastings (WA)	McHale	Schaffer, Bob
Hayworth	McHugh	Schumer
Hefley	McInnis	Scott
Herger	McIntyre	Sensenbrenner
Hill	McKeon	Sessions
Hilleary	Meehan	Shadegg
Hilliard	Menendez	Shays
Hinchey	Metcalfe	Sherman
Hinojosa	Mica	Shimkus
Hobson	Miller (FL)	Shuster
Hoekstra	Minge	Sisisky
Holden	Moakley	Skaggs
Hooley	Moran (KS)	Skelton
Horn	Moran (VA)	Slaughter
Hostettler	Morella	Smith (MI)
Houghton	Murtha	Smith (NJ)
Hoyer	Myrick	Smith (OR)
Hulshof	Nadler	Smith (TX)
Hunter	Nethercutt	Smith, Linda
Hutchinson	Neumann	Snowbarger
Hyde	Ney	Snyder
Inglis	Northup	Solomon
Istook	Norwood	Souder
Jackson (IL)	Nussle	Spence
Jenkins	Obey	Stabenow
John	Ortiz	Stearns
Johnson (CT)	Oxley	Stenholm
Johnson (WI)	Packard	Stokes
Jones	Pappas	Strickland
Kanjorski	Pascarell	Stump
Kelly	Pastor	Stupak
Kennedy (MA)	Paul	Sununu
Kennedy (RI)	Paxon	Talent
Kildee	Pease	Tanner
Kilpatrick	Peterson (PA)	Tauscher
Kim	Petri	Taylor (MS)
Kind (WI)	Pickering	Thomas
King (NY)	Pickett	Thompson
Kingston	Pitts	Thornberry
Klink	Pomeroy	Thune
Klug	Portman	Tiahrt
Knollenberg	Poshard	Tierney
Kucinich	Price (NC)	Trafficant
LaHood	Quinn	Turner
Lampson	Rahall	Upton
Lantos	Ramstad	Vento
Latham	Redmond	Visclosky
LaTourette	Regula	Walsh
Lazio	Reyes	Wamp
Levin	Rivers	Waters
Lewis (CA)	Rodriguez	Watkins
Lewis (KY)	Roemer	Watt (NC)
Linder	Rogan	Watts (OK)
Lipinski	Rogers	Weldon (PA)
LoBiondo	Rohrabacher	Weygand
Lofgren	Ros-Lehtinen	White
Lowe	Rothman	Whitfield
Lucas	Roukema	Wolf
Luther	Roybal-Allard	Wynn
Maloney (CT)	Royce	

NOT VOTING—87

Ackerman	Gonzalez	Mollohan
Becerra	Graham	Neal
Bono	Granger	Oberstar
Brown (FL)	Greenwood	Olver
Burton	Hall (OH)	Owens
Canady	Harman	Parker
Carson	Hefner	Payne
Chenoweth	Jackson-Lee	Pombo
Clayton	(TX)	Porter
Cooksey	Johnson, Sam	Pryce (OH)
Cox	Kaptur	Radanovich
Crane	Kasich	Rangel
Crapo	Klecza	Riggs
Cubin	Kolbe	Riley
Davis (FL)	LaFalce	Rush
DeLauro	Largent	Sanders
Dellums	Leach	Scarborough
Dingell	Livingston	Schiff
Dixon	Manton	Serrano
Doolittle	Manzullo	Shaw
Ehrlich	McCrery	Skeen
Engel	McDade	Spratt
Farr	McIntosh	Stark
Flake	McKinney	Tauzin
Foglietta	Meek	Taylor (NC)
Foley	Millender-	Waxman
Forbes	McDonald	Weldon (FL)
Gilman	Miller (CA)	